

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-11 cancelled.

12. (Currently Amended) Tail-lift for a vehicle, said tail-lift comprising:

_____ a lifting mechanism for lifting and lowering a platform, ~~and;~~

_____ left and right side guiding rails ~~in~~ on which the lifting mechanism is suspended with ~~one~~ a plate-shaped vertical carriage depending from each guiding rail, each carriage being each, ~~and can be~~ slidably displaced displacable between a working position located behind the vehicle and a traveling position located below the vehicle; ~~wherein each carriage has a~~

_____ front guiding element ~~elements~~ with an upper sliding member and a rear guiding element with a lower sliding member, wherein the front guiding element is members each front guiding element attached from above onto the into a recess of a corresponding carriage and is arrested on the carriage at a right angles angle to the direction of attachment carriage, said recess opening to a top edge of the corresponding carriage; and, ~~and/or the~~

_____ rear guiding element ~~elements~~, with lower sliding members, each rear guiding element attached from below onto the into an opening of a corresponding carriage in an opening of the carriage and is arrested disposed on the carriage at right angles to the direction of attachment carriage.

Claim 13 (cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) Tail-lift according to claim 12, wherein ~~the each~~ front guiding element is guided tiltably disposed in the recess~~corresponding recesses~~ of the carriage such that it can be carriages and vertically displaced and is disposed to be tiltable~~displacable~~.

15. (Currently Amended) Tail-lift according to claim 14, wherein each carriage comprises an abutment surface of the carriage, which cooperates~~cooperating~~ with the sliding member of the front guiding element, ~~is said abutment surface being~~ convexly curved into the recess of the carriage.

16. (Currently Amended) Tail-lift according to claim 13, wherein ~~the each~~ front guiding element is guided tiltably disposed in the recess~~corresponding recesses~~ of the carriage such that it can be corresponding carriages and vertically displaced and is disposed to be tiltable~~displacable~~.

17. (Currently Amended) Tail-lift according to claim 16, wherein each carriage comprises an abutment surface of the carriage, which cooperates~~corresponding~~ with the sliding member of the front guiding element, ~~is said abutment surface being~~ convexly curved into the recess of the carriage.

18. (Currently Amended) Tail-lift according to claim 12, wherein ~~the each~~ rear guiding element is tiltably disposed~~guided in the recess~~corresponding recesses of the

~~carriage such that it can be~~corresponding carriages and
 vertically displaced, ~~and is disposed to be~~
~~tiltable~~displacable.

19. (Currently Amended) Tail-lift according to claim 12, wherein each carriage comprises an abutment surface of
~~the carriage which cooperates~~corresponding with the sliding member of the rear guiding element ~~is,~~ said abutment surface being convexly curved into the recess of the carriage.

20. (Currently Amended) Tail-lift according to claim 12, wherein the front ~~and/or~~and rear guiding element ~~projects-project~~beyond both sides of the carriage.

21. (Currently Amended) Tail-lift according to claim 12, wherein the sliding member of the front ~~and/or~~and rear guiding element ~~has elements have~~ a U-shaped cross-section, ~~viewed in the guiding direction of the carriage.~~

22. (Currently Amended) Tail-lift according to claim 21, ~~wherein the~~further comprising front sliding member ~~carrier and/or the~~carriers and rear sliding member ~~carrier have~~carriers each having a U-shaped cross-section, ~~viewed transversely to the guiding direction of the carriage, and the~~each sliding member carrier and ~~its~~corresponding sliding member, being ~~mutually~~rotated by 90° with respect to one another, and positively engage each other, ~~in particular, over their entire surfaces thereof.~~

23. (Currently Amended) Tail-lift according to claim 12, ~~wherein the~~further comprising front ~~and/or~~and rear

~~guiding element comprise(s) a sliding member carrier~~
~~carriers on which the corresponding sliding member~~
~~members are held.~~

24. (Currently Amended) Tail-lift according to claim 23, wherein the front sliding member carrier ~~and/or~~ and the rear sliding member carrier each have a U-shaped ~~cross-section, viewed transversely to the guiding direction of the carriage,~~ cross-sections and the sliding member ~~carrier carriers and its corresponding sliding member~~ members are, being ~~mutually~~ rotated by 90°, with respect to one another and positively engage each other, in particular, over their entire surfaces thereof.

25. (Currently Amended) Tail-lift according to claim 23, wherein the two sliding member carriers ~~and/or their~~ and corresponding sliding members ~~each have the same~~ are of common design.

26. (Currently Amended) Tail-lift according to claim 13, wherein ~~the each~~ front guiding element is guided tiltably disposed in the recess corresponding recesses of the corresponding carriage ~~such that it can be~~ and vertically displaced and is disposed to be tiltably, ~~wherein the~~ displacable, each rear guiding element is guided tiltably disposed in the recess corresponding recesses of the ~~carriage such that it can be~~ corresponding carriages and vertically displaced, and is disposed to be tiltable displacable, wherein an abutment surface of ~~the a~~ a corresponding carriage ~~which cooperates~~ cooperating with the a corresponding sliding member of the rear guiding element is convexly curved into the recess of the carriage, wherein

the front ~~and/or~~ rear guiding element ~~project~~elements ~~project~~ beyond both sides of the carriage, wherein the sliding member of the front ~~and/or~~ rear guiding element ~~has~~elements have a U-shaped cross-section, ~~viewed in the~~ guiding direction of the carriage, and wherein the front ~~and/or~~ rear guiding element ~~comprise(s)~~elements each correspond to a sliding member carrier on which ~~the a~~ corresponding sliding member is held.

27. (Currently Amended) Tail-lift according to claim 26, wherein each carriage comprises an abutment surface of ~~the carriage, which cooperates~~cooperating with the sliding member of the front guiding element, ~~is~~ said abutment surface being convexly curved into the recess of the carriage.

28. (Currently Amended) Tail-lift according to claim 26, wherein the front sliding member carrier ~~and/or~~ the rear sliding member carrier each have a U-shaped ~~cross-section, viewed transversely to the guiding direction of the carriage,~~cross sections and the sliding member ~~carrier~~ carriers and ~~its~~ corresponding sliding member, ~~members are being mutually rotated by 90°, and with respect to one another, and positively engage each other, in particular, over their entire surfaces thereof.~~

29. (Currently Amended) Tail-lift according to claim 26, wherein the ~~two~~ sliding member carriers ~~and/or their~~ corresponding sliding members ~~each have the same~~are of common design.